Completion of Telecommunication Project in Orissa

581. SHRI JAGADISH JANI: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government of Orissa had requested the Central Government to give priority to the completion of some telecommunication projects during the Sixth Five-Year Plan; and

(b) if so, what are the names of those telecommunication projects and how they were completed during the above plan period?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI RAM NIWAS MIRDHA): (a) Yes, Sir,

(b) and (c) Following Telecom. Projects requested by Govt. of Orissa were completed duiring the 6th Five-Year Plan period;

I. Angul Exchange has been automatised and converted to 400 lines MAX-II.

II. Both Bhubaneswar MAX-I and Cuttack MAX-I have been expanded from 5000 lines to 6000 lines each.

III. Rourkela Plant Exchange has been expanded from 2100 lines to 2700 lines and Rourkela Township from 1200 lines to 1500 lines. Further expansion of Bhubaneshwar MAX-I from 6000 lines to 7000 lines has been planned for the financial year (85-86). Jeypore-Koraput-Vishakhapatnam Microwave system and Cuttuck-Dhenkanal-Sambalpur Microwave system are under installation.

Expeditious Delivery of Telegrams

582. SHRI ADINARAYANA REDDY: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to prepare a plan for expeditious delivery of telegrams in the country; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI RAM NIWAS MIRDHA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) A Task Force has been consituated to draw up plans for modernisation of the telegraph network in the country for expeditious clearance of the majority of telegrams.

Commission of Drugs from Priority List

583. DR. JOSEPH LEON D'SOUZA: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news item which appeared in "Times of India", dated 24th June, 1985 captioned 'An irrational Priority list';

(b) if so, whether it is a fact that most commonly used medicines having large sales turn over had been omitted from the priority list and other drugs meant for restricted hospital use and of very low sales turn over had been included;

(c) what was the purpose of drawing such a list;

(d) what is the annual sales turn over of Ether Anaesthetic, Halothane, Thiopental Lidocaine, Nitrous Oxide, Epinepbrine, Dextran, Hydralazine, Monotropine during the last three years year-wise, which have been included and also the sales turn over during the same period of such drugs as Analgin, Baralgon, Ketone, Destropropoxphene, Pheniramine Maleate Phenylbutazone Oxphenbutazone, Antiacids which have been excluded; and

(e) what are the criteria which justify such identification?

THE MINISTER OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI VEERENDRA PATIL): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (e) Bearing in mind the criteria recommended by UNIDO for inclusion of drugs in the essential list and using WHO list and Hathi Committee list as the basis, the medical experts who were the Members of the Steering Committee of the NDPDC drew up the priority list. The essential priority list contains 95 bulk drugs. The medicines required by the large majority of the people for the most common diseases known including those required by the National Health Programmes are included in the priority list. Sales turnovers of individuals formulations are not monitored.

Multinational Drug Companies

584. SHRI NAND KISHORE BHATT: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the date of establishment of Business in India by Wyeth Labs Wyeth India Geoffary manner John Wyeth Abbott Glaxo Boots E-Merck Searle Hoechst, Warner Hindustan, Pfizer Richardson, Hindustan May and Baker, Bayer, Nicholas Sandoz Roussel and German Remedies;

(b) what was their original investment what was the subsequent investment by foreign equity holders and when was this investment made and whether the same was by repatriation of money from abroad or not;

(c) what is the pretax profit after tax profit networth capital employed and percentage of profit of the above mentioned companies during the last three years year-wies; and

(d) what is the annual sales turn over of bulk drugs of each of the above mentioned companies during the last three years; year-wise?

THE MINISTER OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI VEERENDRA PATIL): (a) and (b) The relevant details to the extent available are indicated in the Statement attached (See below)

(c) and (d) The data will be collected compiled and laid on the Table of the House.

Statement

S. No.	Name of Company	Year of Incorporation in India	Original Equity (Rs. Lakh
1.	Abbott	1946	N.A.
2.	Warner Hindustan	1962	7000.
3.	Glaxo	1924	1.50
4.	E-Merzk	1967	20.00
5.	Boots	1939	10.00
6.	Hoechst	1956	20.00
7.	Roussel	1956	1.96
8.	Pfizer	1952	2.09
9.	Searle	1967	6.00
10.	Sandoz	N.A.	10.00
11.	German Remedies	1949	N.A.
12.	Wyeth Labs	1960	33.30
13.	Wyeth India	N.A.	N.A.
14	Geoffray Manners	N.A.	0.01
15.	John Wyeth & Bros	N.A.	Branch
16.	May & Baker	1928	N.A.
17.	Richardson Hindustan	1964	0.02
18.	Bayer	1958	4.00
19.	Nicholas	N.A.	NA.

N.A.—Not available.

Import of Bulk Drugs

585. SHRI NAND KISHORE BHATT: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) the names of the bulk drugs imported by importers for stock and